



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter



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Carol Dodd, Editor

President's Letter

LaVonne McCaw

Happy, happy, happy 2012!!!! I hope everyone had a marvelous Christmas, ate a lot of black-eyed peas for New Years and has their goals in place for 2012.

This is my last President's Letter for the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild and I wanted to thank every one of you for your support, guidance and friendship. I have learned a lot these past two years about myself and about the guild. Now when I sit out in the membership, I will do so with friends instead of acquaintances. I'm looking forward to getting to visit more and just sit back and relax. I may bring hand work to work on during the meetings. I've got it...I've got it...I could start on a grandmother's flower garden (of course using hexagons that I can see with the naked eye).

Again, in all seriousness, I truly want to thank my board, all committees and members who have helped me through these past two years. I honestly could not have made it without you. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your President for 2010-2011.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Bring checkbooks and smiles

Please bring your checkbooks and pay your dues for 2012 if you have not already done so. Trudy will appreciate the timely payment of dues so that the 2012 Directory can be as up-to-date as possible.

Pictures will be taken.

December 15, 2011 Minutes

Katharine McCaw

LaVonne McCaw welcomed members and guests as she called the meeting to order.

We all enjoyed a fantastic meal; everyone had brought a dish!

November minutes were accepted as written. This month's box tops will go to Boles ISD.

Throughout the meeting members were purchasing and filling out last minute raffle tickets.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ **Community Service:** Between Nov. 2010 and Nov. 2011 the guild logged 13676 service hours, completed 29 baby bed quilts, 2 full-size quilts and 21 pillow cases. Congratulations to Linda Franklin and Beth Winn, who qualified for the President's Service Award. Community Service fat quarter drawings went to Christine Lucas, Jane Martyn and LaVonne McCaw.
- ❖ Jane Asberry had no TAQG report but reminded us that the Cleek retreat is scheduled for Jan. 5-8, 2012.
- ❖ There was no old business to report.

New Business:

- ❖ The 2011 raffle quilt was won by Doris Norton. Congratulations!!
- ❖ The slate of new proposed officers for 2012 was approved by acclamation. It includes President – Kathy Vestal; Vice-Pres. Kathy Dickens; Secretary – Kelly Greiner; Treasurer – Debbie George; Membership – Trudy McNish; - Librarian – Virginia Johnson; Newsletter Editor – Jane Martyn. The parliamentarian will be appointed.
- ❖ Debra Hager showed samples of what we have been asked to make for the 2012 raffle quilt and asked that we complete and bring them to the January meeting.
- ❖ Lavonne thanked all of her Executive Board and presented each with a lovely gift: a pair of novelty scissors. Thank you, LaVonne!

The next meeting will be January 26, 2012. Have a safe and happy New Year!

COMBINED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Katharine McCaw

The 2011 and 2012 Executive Boards of the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild met in joint session on Thursday, January 12, 2012, LaVonne McCaw and Kathy Vestal presiding. Attending were Jane Martyn, Kathy Dickens, McCaw, Trudy McNish, Virginia Johnson, Debra Hager, Katharine McCaw, Vestal, Jane Asberry and Debbie George.

The proposed budget was presented and discussed, line item at a time. Debbie George will present a revised proposed budget to the membership for approval at the January guild meeting.

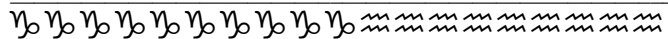
Debbie George will add the original 501(c)3 documents to the guild tax notebook. LaVonne McCaw has the incorporation documents. Four copies of each (one on disk) will be made and distributed appropriately for safe keeping. Debbie George and Kelly Greiner have post office box keys.

The guild will "pass the hat" once each quarter for the benefit of the Community Service committee.

There will be no grant from Home Depot toward the purchase of a storage building. Further discussion of this topic was tabled pending more information regarding costs.

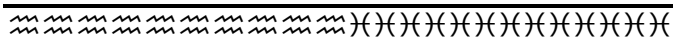
It was suggested that the guild make not one but two raffle quilts for 2012. This was denied in favor of the usual one quilt.

It was recommended that leftover merchandise (T-shirts, bags, etc) from the 2011 quilt show be inventoried and stored in the guild closet at Kavanaugh.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Day—Jan 6 Jennifer Tenney—Jan 18
 Gail Bohmfalk—Jan 8 Sue Ross—Jan 20
 Janice Evans—Jan 10



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Ratcliff—Feb 5 Debra Warmke—Feb 15
 Jane Asberry—Feb 6 Lydia Lewis—Feb 21
 Anna Borrer—Feb 6 Maxine Leverett—Feb 24
 Beverly Lowe—Feb 8 Jackie Brown—Feb 27
 Linda Neal—Feb 11

JANUARY PROGRAM

Kathy Dickens

Our Block Exchanges-- "Shared Experiences"

- Installation of new officers
- Members bring: round robins, brown bags, other block swap projects to show during program.
- UFO Challenges Issued for 2012

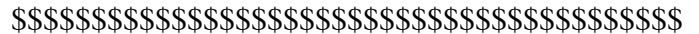


LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Virginia Johnson

We have two new books:

- **Women of Grace and Charm** by Barb Adams and Alma Allen; (a book about women and quilts during WWII, { a quilt that was admired by many at our quilt show is in that book }.
- **Home on the Plains** by Stephanie Whitson & Kathleen Moore. This book contains actual writings and quilts bywomen who lived in "soddies", the sod homes on the prairies.



Treasurer's Report

Debbie George

Statement Dates: 12/1/2011 thru 12/31/2011

Previous Balance	\$14,269.07
Deposits/Credits	685.00
Checks/Debits	182.33
Current Balance	\$14,771.74

Deposits

Raffle Quilt 685.00

Checks

Hager/Q.S. Vendor Bags 10.35
 Worley/Community Ser 69.76
 Dodd/newsletter 99.72
 Sullivan/Sunshine 2.50

2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL

PROJECTED INCOME

2012 Raffle Quilt	\$ 2,500.00
Advertising in Newsletter	\$ 35.00
Community Service	\$ 100.00
Membership 2012	\$ 2,000.00
Merchandise	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,665.00

EXPENSES

2012 Raffle Quilt	\$ 700.00
2013 Raffle Quilt	\$ 800.00
Church Rental Fee	\$ 1,200.00
Community Service	\$ 350.00
Library	\$ 200.00
Membership	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00
Newsletter	\$ 250.00
Paper Products	\$ 125.00
PO Box Annual Fees	\$ 62.00
Professional Fees	
Accounting	\$ 100.00
Historian	\$ 80.00
Treasurer	\$ 75.00
Total Professional Fees	\$ 255.00
Programs	\$ 3,200.00
Solid Rock Food	\$ 125.00
Sunshine & Shadows	\$ 25.00
TAQG	\$ 350.00
TAQG Annual Dues	\$ 50.00
Texas Sales and Use Tax	\$ 50.00
Web Page	\$ 60.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,102.00

OVERALL TOTAL \$ (3,437.00)

January 26 Refreshments

Beverly Lowe, Captain

Christine Lucas	Marilyn McGill
David Lucas	Trudy McNish
Mary Alice MacDonald	Becky Medlock
Jane Martyn	LeeAnn Miller
Katherine McCaw	Sue Miller
Lavonne McCaw	Beth Mills
John McGill	

February 23 Refreshments

Donna Moon, Captain

Priscilla Moore	Misty Reed
Nancy Nall	Sue Ross
Linda Neal	Wanda Roy
Maejean Nixon	Linda Russell
Huey Nobles	Jean Sadler
Barbara Powell	Dee Saye
Barbara Ratcliff	

*Please advise your captain if you cannot attend the meeting and **swap** with someone else.*

Captains: Contact each person by the Monday before the guild meeting.

MORE BEAD BAGS NEEDED

Colin at Parkland has asked that Bettie Hammock send out word that more bead bags are needed.

He says: I wanted to follow up with you on Bead Bags. You have started quite the rage! We have now blown thru 25,000 bead bag labels! Kids all over are receiving bead bags and have the perfect place for their Beads of Courage collections! We have a NICU Program at Parkland Memorial Hospital and they are in need of some support receiving bead bags. Do you know of any groups that may take this project on for them. They see LOTS of babies! They have the Red Cross group doing some for them but the quantities are small and they need more if possible. "

For more information go to:

www.Beads of Courage.org

Directions are on the web site—put your mouse on Artists and click on Quilters.

You can drop off your bead bags at Quilt Mercantile in Celeste.

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DEADLINE

**Information for the next Newsletter
 will be due
 February 13**

December Door Prize Donors

Happiness is Quilting-1
Quilt Country-3
In Stitches-Cathy Brandstetter-2
Anonymous-4
UFO FQ's-5
NE Farmers Coop- 1

Thank you very much!

We are fortunate to have generous friends supplying our door prizes. Be sure to send thank you notes to them for adding to the fun of our meetings.

PROPOSED 2012 PROGRAMS

Kathy Dickens

February 23 – Speaker, Carolyn Baker
“String Quilt Designs”
How to turn your scraps into completed projects.
21st CPQG Anniversary

March 22 – Speaker, Karen Thornton
“A Quilter’s Journey of Faith”
A story of life experience and quilting

April 26 – SKILLS NIGHT
“Members Teach Members”

COMMUNITY SERVICE GARAGE SALE
**May 24 - AFTERNOON WorkShop with Carol
Morrissey**

“Texas Wildflower Post Cards”

Pattern is \$12.

May 24 – EVENING Speaker, Carol Morrissey
“Quilting, a Fine Obsession!”
An award winning, master quilter, Carol will excite you with her breathtaking designs!

June 28 – **Teaching the Quilters of Tomorrow**
Girl Scouts, 4H, and other youth groups are invited to sewing lessons. We will invite them to Christmas Party to share their projects.

July 26 –Speaker, Allison Bayer
“From a Longarm Quilter’s Point of View,
Dos and Don’ts”

August – 18 SATURDAY WORKSHOP, Sign up early!

Double Workshop with Trish Stuart only \$40 per person! Learn how to **Ink Paint Fabric** 9:00 A.M. to Lunch.

After lunch, learn how to embellish your painted fabric with **Thread Painting.**

Pattern is \$12, venue to be announced (See August)

August 23 – Speaker, Trish Stuart

Designer, author, artist and quilt maker, she shares her creative ideas and techniques with us. The workshop participants will have a special “Show and Tell”.

September 27 –David Leiber

“The Quilt that Changed my Life!”

Bring your husband and invite your friends. David shares his stories, inspiration and humor for a special evening of entertainment.

October 25 – **Community Service Work Day, 1:30 P.M. until supper time.**

Guild will participate in finishing up projects and kits. Calling all machine quilters!

November 15 – Speaker, Nova Montgomery
(POSSIBILITY OF WORKSHOP)

Nova takes you on a historical journey of this marvelous fiber, into the cotton fields of Texas, from the fuzzy seed to harvest, the audience will get an up close look at cotton. Find out how all those beautiful fabrics get on the shelves.

December 20 –Guild Christmas Party, UFO Challenge, and young quilters return for “Show and Tell”

Sunshine & Shadows

Jane Martyn

Pam Shuman’s husband, Ray, has been having tests at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

You may view photos and newsletters at the guild's website: www.cottonpatchquilt.com
Login: Texas Password: Star
Note capital letters – case sensitive.

Cotton Strippers

Mandy Weaver

We had a great first meeting of the new year! Thanks so much to Phyllis for assisting me!

The Feb. food committee is Kathy Vestal, Kelly Greiner, Jeanie Herring, Joan Biggs, Barbara Ratcliff, Donna Moon, Huey.

The fat quarter drawing was winter or blue fabric and was won by Kay Colcleasure (imagine that!) The theme for the Feb. fat quarter drawing is hearts or red.

We started a pattern exchange game and will continue to do it all year. Bring a quilt pattern that you no longer want. You will receive a ticket. We will draw tickets and you get to pick a new pattern, but don't get too attached to it because it could be stolen from you by someone else! Each pattern can only be stolen one time. If you lose your pattern you can steal or get a new one. This game is a lot of fun.

We did the brown bag exchange and it will continue 3 more months.

Due to a missed communication the next step of the mystery quilt wasn't available. It will be scanned and emailed and will also be available at the guild meeting.

Joy Gregory gave us more detailed instructions for the paper piecing of the guild raffle quilt. She needs 300+ strip pieces. Please everyone get to work on those and bring them to guild meeting. We will plan a sew day to work on assembling the quilt.

Debra Hager talked about the March 15-18 Paris Retreat. She needs \$15.00 from everyone for the sewing room fee. Everyone makes their own room reservations. See her for more information.

Looking forward to a fun new year!

Cotton Blossoms

Carol Dodd

The Cotton Blossoms met on January 7 this month. The membership decided that we would meet only once a month, and that the date would be the first Monday of the month. We had Show and Tell.

Isabel Davis showed how to make an easy pinwheel block by sewing all around the edges of two squares of fabric, then cutting corner to corner, and sewing the resulting four half-square triangles into a pinwheel. She also demonstrated how to make mitered corners on napkins.

Margie Hendrix gave the fabric requirements for the mystery we will be doing this year.

The main fabric for the Ronald McDonald Challenge was donated by Margie and Carol Dodd. Nancy Amburgey and Priscilla McFarland will shop for the accompanying fabrics.

Margie Hendrix will continue as the "Keeper of the Key" with Carol and Isabel acting as backups.

The Cotton Blossoms meet at the Presbyterian Church on Monroe St. in Commerce, 3-5 PM, on the first Monday of the month. All quilters and wanna-be quilters are welcome.

Your 2009-2011 newsletter editor is signing off.
Next up: Jane Martyn!

--Carol Dodd